

**DECLARATION**

**SOLE/Joint INVENTOR  
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**CABLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION AND OPERATION  
THEREOF**

as described in the specification  attached or  of patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a). Such information is material when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

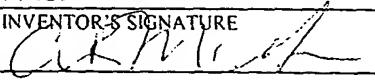
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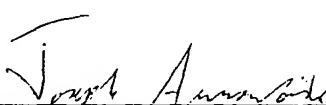
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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, We, **THOMAS T. HARDT** and **ALLISON R. MCGREW** are joint inventors of "CABLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION AND OPERATION THEREOF," application for United States Letters Patent which is executed of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P. for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

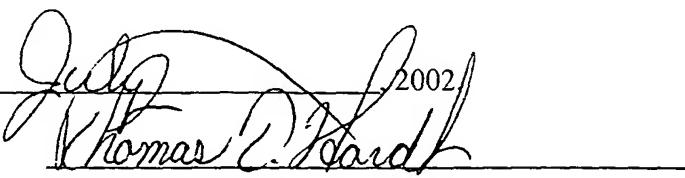
And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., as assignee of our entire interest, and hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And we further hereby covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

And we do further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, communicate to COMPAQ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, L.P., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent or

the file history thereof as may be known to us, and testify as to the same in any interference or other litigation when requested so to do, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

EXECUTED THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> day of

July, 2002  


Thomas T. Hardt

STATE OF TEXAS                    §  
COUNTY OF HARRIS                §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Thomas T. Hardt**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 30 day of July, 2002.



Sylvia Martinez  
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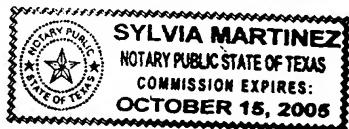
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Allison R. McGrew  
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Allison R. McGrew**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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